

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on January 8, 2003 at 8 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae (D)  
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 58, 1/3/2003; HB 59,  
1/3/2003

Executive Action: HB 59, DO PASS, 18-0

8:01 a.m. **CHAIRMAN FUCHS**

8:02 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

8:03 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**

8:05 a.m. **Judy Paynter, Department of Revenue (DR)**

**EXHIBIT** (tah03a01)

**EXHIBIT** (tah03a02)

**EXHIBIT** (tah03a03)

8:06 a.m. **Neil Peterson, (DR)**

8:08 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

8:09 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**

8:10 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

8:10 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**

8:11 a.m. **REP. LAKE**

8:11 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

8:11 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

8:12 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

8:16 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**

8:16 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

8:17 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**

8:17 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

8:27 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**

8:27 a.m. **Neil Peterson**

8:28 a.m. **REP. CARNEY**  
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8:29 a.m. **REP. CARNEY**  
8:29 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:29 a.m. **REP. CARNEY**  
8:29 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:34 a.m. **REP. LAKE**  
8:34 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:35 a.m. **REP. LAKE**  
8:35 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:39 a.m. **Judy Paynter**  
8:40 a.m. **REP. PETERSON**  
8:40 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:40 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**  
8:41 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:43 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**  
8:43 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:44 a.m. **REP. ANDERSON**  
8:44 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:52 a.m. **REP. COHENOUR**  
8:53 a.m. **Neil Peterson**  
8:56 a.m. **Judy Paynter**  
9:01 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**  
9:01 a.m. **Judy Paynter**

**EXHIBIT (tah03a04)**

**EXHIBIT (tah03a05)**

9:02 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**  
9:03 a.m. **Judy Paynter**  
9:04 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**  
9:05 a.m. **Dan Dodds (DR)**  
9:14 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**  
9:14 a.m. **Dan Dodds**  
9:20 a.m. **REP. CARNEY**  
9:20 a.m. **Dan Dodds**  
9:23 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**  
9:24 a.m. **Dan Dodds**  
9:25 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**  
9:25 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**  
9:25 a.m. **REP. ROSS**  
9:25 a.m. **Dan Dodds**  
9:27 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**  
9:28 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**  
9:29 a.m. **Dan Dodds**  
9:32 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**  
9:32 a.m. **Dan Dodds**  
9:36 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**  
9:36 a.m. **Dan Dodds**  
9:38 a.m. **REP. ROSS**

9:38 a.m. **Dan Dodds**

9:40 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

9:40 a.m. **Dan Dodds**

9:44 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**

9:44 a.m. **Dan Dodds**

9:45 a.m. **REP. ROSS**

9:45 a.m. **Dan Dodds**

9:46 a.m. **Don Hoffman (DR)**

9:47 a.m. **CHAIRMAN FUCHS**

9:47 a.m. **Don Hoffman**

9:49 a.m. **REP. WAITSCHIES**

9:49 a.m. **Dan Dodds**

10:00 a.m. **REP. CARNEY**

10:00 a.m. **Dan Dodds**

10:01 a.m. Break

10:10 a.m. Resumed

**HEARING ON HB 58**

**Sponsor:** **REP. ERICKSON, HD 64, MISSOULA**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:10 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:15 a.m. **Don Hoffman, Department of Revenue**

10:16 a.m. **Jon Metropoulos, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:20 a.m. REP. PETERSON

10:20 a.m. Don Hoffman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:22 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

**HEARING ON HB 59**

**Sponsor:** REP. ERICKSON, HD 64, MISSOULA

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:18 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:21 a.m. Don Hoffman, Department of Revenue

10:26 a.m. Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:27 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

10:28 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

10:29 a.m. REP. GILLAN

10:30 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

10:31 a.m. REP. PETERSON

10:31 a.m. Don Hoffman

10:32 a.m. REP. LAMBERT

10:32 a.m. Don Hoffman

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 59**

**Motion/Vote:** 10:33 a.m. REP. ERICKSON moved that **HB 59 DO PASS.**  
**Motion carried unanimously, 18-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:35 A.M.

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REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (tah03aad)